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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION LAUNCH OF PERMANENT IRAQI
GOVERNMENT - TOKYO

LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers front-paged the record net consolidated profit of 1.8 trillion yen posted by Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group for the year ending March 31, which made the bank Japan's second-largest earner after Toyota Motor Corp.

1. "Top Priority Should be Given to Improved Security"
The top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri editorialized (5/23): "A permanent Iraqi government has finally been launched after much delay. The political process stipulated in a UN Security Council resolution has basically been completed. Nevertheless, an occasion that should have been celebrated was greeted by disinterest on the part of the Iraqi people, as the new government, which is looking to create a stable democracy, begins in an extremely difficult situation.

2. "The new government should give top priority to improving the security situation, which remains dire. To do so, it will have to bring about reconciliation among various sectarian and ethnic groups. Until these problems are solved, the Iraqi people's hopes for stability and economic reconstruction will never be realized.... Support from the US and other nations in improving security and the economy is a precondition for drawing up an 'exit strategy.'"

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